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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY VISIT A SUCCESS

1. AN AFL-CIO SOLIDARITY GROUP, LED BY PRESIDENT FREDERICK O'NEAL OF THE ASSOCIATED ACTORS AND ARTISTES OF AMERICA, VISITED VENEZUELA FROM SEP 6-9. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE ANDREW MCCLELLAN, INTER-AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFL-CIO, WILLIAM DOHERTY, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AIFLD AND CARVIN JEFFERSON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, BUDGETING AND PROGRAM PLANNING OF AIFLD. THE GROUP WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) LEADERSHIP OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) INCLUDING CTV PRESIDENT JOSE VARGAS, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANUEL PENALVER, AND AD VICE PRESIDENT AUGUSTO MALAVE VILLALBA.

2. THE AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVES WERE RECEIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CTV IN SPECIAL SESSION AND ALSO HAD A LENGTHY PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES-PEREZ. PEREZ STRESSED THE SPECIAL TIES LINKING THE AFL-CIO AND AD AND HARKED BACK WITH CONSIDERABLE NOSTALGIA TO AN EARLIER EPOCH WHEN THE AFL-CIO

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REPRESENTATIVES MET THE LABOR MINISTER AND LEADING VENEZUELAN TRADE

UNIONISTS AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE AMBASSADOR.

3. THE AFL CIO DELEGATION ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH THE AD CTV LEADERSHIP ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. THESE TALKS WILL CONTINUE AT THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN OCT WHICH MOST OF THE VENEZUELAN TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP PLANS TO ATTEND.

4. COMMENT: THE UNPRECEDENTED TURNOUT OF AD CTV LEADERSHIP AT THE AIRPORT WAS AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING TO A VISIT WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE CORDIAL OR POSITIVE. AFL-CIO-CTV TIES WERE STRENGTHENED AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS PENDINGBETWEEN THE TWO MOVEMENTS WERE DISCUSSED. IN SHORT THE VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE SUCCESS.  
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